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### 1. INDOCHINA

PRES APPEALS TO 15 TOP-RANKING CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS FOR BIPARTISAN APPROACH TO FOREIGN AFFAIRS, BUT GAVE NO ADVANCE LOOK AT CONTENT OF TONIGHT'S TV BROADCAST. CONGRESSMEN TOLD REPORTERS PRES SAID WOULD PROPOSE HUMANITARIAN AID FOR INDOCHINA BUT DID NOT SPECIFY AMOUNT OR WHETHER ALSO WILL ASK FOR MORE MIL AID (UPI, PHINQ). WSJ'S KEATLEY BELIEVES PRES WILL TELL NATION TONIGHT WHAT HE HOPES  
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SALVAGE FROM SVN WRECKAGE. NYT'S FINNEY SAYS PRES MAY ANNOUNCE DECISIONS ON MIL AND HUMANITARIAN AID AS WELL AS POSSIBLE EVACUATION OF VIETS. NOTES FORD TOLD CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS THAT IT WILL BE "MOST SERIOUS SPEECH" HE WILL EVER

GIVE TO CONGRESS. WP'S CANNON PREDICTS WILL CALL FOR NEW BIPARTISANSHIP, AVOID BLAMING CONGRESS FOR SVN COLLAPSE. STATES HAK URGES FRANK AND SOMEWHAT PESSIMISTIC EVALUATION OF SERIOUS PROBLEMS CONFRONTING US, THOUGH WH AIDES WANT MORE OPTIMISTIC APPROACH.

PRES CONSIDERING CONTINGENCY PLANS TO EVACUATE THOUSANDS OF VIETS WHOSE LIVES MIGHT BE IN JEOPARDY IF COMMUNISTS

TAKE OVER, DISCUSSED PLANS WITH NSC (FINNEY, NYT). EVACUATION MIGHT RUN INTO HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS, AND ONE ADMIN OFFICIAL PRIVATELY SUGGESTS MAY BE UP TO MILLION. CLOSELY-HELD STUDY IDENTIFIED ABOUT 300,000 S VIETS AS HAVING WORKED DIRECTLY WITH US, PLUS ANOTHER 300,000 WHO HAD "IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIPS" THAT COMMUNIST REGIME MIGHT RESENT (MCCARTNEY, PHINQ).

WH CONFIRMS NIXON HAD ASSURED THIEU, IN PRIVATE LETTERS, THAT US WOULD DEAL FIRMLY WITH C-F VIOLATIONS, AND PLEDGED CONTINUED US AID. NESSEN INSISTS PRIVATE ASSURANCES NO STRONGER NOR MORE SPECIFIC THAN PUBLIC STATEMENTS AT TIME (BECKMAN, CHITRIB). PRES TOLD CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS THAT NO SECRET AGREEMENTS OBLIGED US TO MAKE MIL RESPONSE TO COMMUNIST ASSAULT ON SVN (BOYD, PHINQ). UNDER PERSISTENT QUESTIONING BY NEWSMEN, NESSEN REFUSED DENY THAT MIL INTERVENTION HAD BEEN PROMISED IN CASE OF WHOLESALE C-F VIOLATIONS BY NVN. SEN JACKSON CONFERRED WITH MANSFIELD AND BOTH AGREE THAT MATTER SHOULD BE BROUGHT BEFORE SFRC AND SASC IN EXECUTIVE SESSIONS (KUMPA, SUN). US PUBLIC FINALLY TOLD THAT, AS PART OF EFFORT TO GET GVN SUPPORT FOR C-F, NIXON HAD PRIVATELY ASSURED THIEU THAT US WOULD NOT PASSIVELY WATCH ANOTHER COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE. WH SAYS PRIVATE ASSURANCES AS WELL AS PUBLIC WARNINGS NO LONGER VALID BECAUSE OF LEGAL BAN ON US COMBAT ROLE IMPOSED IN AUG, 1973, AND GVN INFORMED OF CONGRESSIONAL ACTION THAT MADE ANY ASSURANCES "MOOT" (GWERTZMAN, NYT). IMPLICATION WAS THAT NIXON PROMISED MIL ACTION, PROBABLY UNCLASSIFIED

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BOMBING, IF NVN BROKE TRUCE TERMS IN SIGNIFICANT WAY. JACKSON ACTING "LIKE A MAN VINDICATED," SAYS DISCLOSURE ENDS CHANCES OF MIL AID TO SVN (KEATLEY, WSJ).

WP'S MARDER SEES ADMIN SEEKING AVOID NEW NATIONAL CONTROVERSY OVER "SECRET PLEDGES" TO SVN ON EVE OF PRES' MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY ADDRESS. NYDN'S WIEGHART NOTES NESSEN CONCEDED THAT CONGRESS UNAWARE OF "CONFIDENTIAL EXCHANGES" BETWEEN NIXON AND THIEU, AND QUOTES JACKSON THAT HAK HAD REPEATEDLY DENIED THAT SECRET AGREEMENTS OR UNDERSTANDINGS HAD BEEN REACHED IN CONNECTION WITH C-F. REPORTS SOME WH OFFICIALS HINTED PRIVATELY THAT LATEST JACKSON ATTACK MIGHT HURT SECSTATE'S CREDIBILITY AND

LESSEN HIS USEFULNESS. CSM'S SPERLING/HEY SEE SECRET ASSURANCES HAVING 2-PRONGED IMPACT ON PRES FOREIGN POLICY PLANNING: WILL RESULT IN CONGRESS DEMANDING MORE DETAILED KNOWLEDGE OF FUTURE FOREIGN POLICY ACTIONS; AND PRES COULD MEET EVEN MORE SUSPICION AND OPPOSITION IN CONGRESS IF HE DECIDES TO PUSH FOR ADDITIONAL MIL AID FOR SVN.

ADMIN WITNESSES IN CLOSED HEARINGS TELL CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES THAT ARVN STILL MAY BE ABLE SET UP DEFENSE LINE 50 MILES N OF SAIGON, IF CONGRESS APPROVES MORE MIL AID TO ENCOURAGE GVN. CONCEDE SVN MAY STILL FOLD, BUT PORTRAY DEFENSE LINE AS LAST CHANCE USG SHOULD SUPPORT. HABIB SAID DID NOT DISPUTE DEGREE OF PESSIMISM IN INTELLIGENCE REPORTS (WILSON, WP). LOUIS HARRIS SAYS LATEST SURVEY INDICATES MAJORITY OF AMERICANS (57-PERCENT - 29 PERCENT) OPPOSE MORE MIL AID TO SVN AND CAMBODIA EVEN IF IT WOULD AVOID "BLOODBATH." BELIEVES PUBLIC DETERMINED RESIST PRES' CALL FOR AID DESPITE WIDE SPREAD COVERAGE OF KILLINGS AND SUFFERING. INTERPRETS FINDINGS TO MEAN PUBLIC DOES NOT BELIEVE MORE US MIL AID COULD KEEP REST OF SVN FROM FALLING INTO COMMUNIST HANDS. SUN'S PEPPER REPORTS REP FRASER TOLD HOUSE HE WOULD BE WILLING SUPPORT CERTAIN AMOUNT MIL AID FOR SVN TO STABILIZE SITUATION IF THIEU STEPPED DOWN. NOTES FRASER'S QUALIFIED WILLINGNESS SUPPORT AID RAISED HOPES THAT CONGRESS MAY YET APPROVE SOME MIL AID, BUT POINTS OUT THAT OTHER INDICATIONS IN CONGRESS ARE IN OPPOSITE DIRECTION.

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BABYLIFT STILL GETS PRESS COVERAGE, INCLUDING NYDN CENTER SPREAD PHOTOS OF INVOLVEMENT OF HUGH HEFNER AND CARDINAL COOKE. WP NOTES INTL RED CROSS CRITICIZES OPERATION BECAUSE NOT BEING DONE ACCORDING GENEVA CONVENTION THAT REQUIRES ORPHANS' EDUCATION BE PROVIDED WHERE POSSIBLE BY PERSONS OF SAME CULTURAL TRADITION. ADDS THAT PEKING CALLS AIRLIFT "ABDUCTION," AND TALKS IN PP AIM AT AIRLIFTING AS MANY AS 750 CHILDREN DAILY FROM CITY. WP ALSO REPORTS SECY IN DAO SAIGON MISSING IN APR 4 CRASH OF ORPHAN-CARRY C-5. NYT REPORTS FROM GENEVA THAT VC AIDE PLEDGED FAIRNESS FOR CHILDREN LEFT IN VN BY GIS, DENOUNCED BABYLIFT AS KIDNAPPING ON VAST SCALE THAT SERVED EVIL POLITICAL AIMS. ADDS UN AGENCIES STEPPING UP TEMPO OF RELIEF MISSIONS FOR BOTH SVN SIDES.

GOF INFORMANTS SAY RECENT FRENCH DIPLOMATIC ENDEAVORS LAID GROUNDWORK FOR NEW POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS IN SVN THAT COULD PREVENT RAPIDLY COMING UNDER COMMUNIST CONTROL, BUT TALKS CONTINGENT UPON FORMATION OF NEW SVN GOVT EXCLUDING THIEU. GISCARD EMERGED FROM BEHIND BACKSTAGE MANEUVERS TO "GIVE THIEU A SHOVE," WHEN HE TOLD CABINET

THAT THIEU REMAINING IN OFFICE COULD DESTROY CHANCES (KAPLAN, WP). KOSYGIN ASSAILED GVN'S REFUGEE POLICY, SAID SAIGON GUILTY OF FORCING CIVILIANS OUT OF AREAS IT HAD LOST; BUT DID NOT MENTION ROLE OF US IN SVN (CLARITY, NYT). KOSYGIN PREDICTED VC VICTORY, CRITICIZED

GVN FOR C-F VIOLATIONS, BUT OMITTED REFERENCE TO US IN KEEPING WITH APPARENT SOVIET EFFORT TO TAKE LOW-KEY APPROACH TO US POLICY REVERSES IN INDOCHINA (OSNOS, WP). CSM SAYS WHILE US CREDIBILITY MAY HAVE BEEN WEAKENED AS RESULT OF SETBACKS IN SEA, SURVEY BY ITS CORRESPONDENTS AROUND WORLD INDICATES NO CRUCIAL DAMAGE AS YET TO US INFLUENCE. NOTES S VIETS FEEL SENSE OF BETRAYAL, KHMERS OF BEWILDERMENT, AND THAIS OF GROWING NEED TO SEEK ACCOMODATION WITH CHINA.

CSM'S STERRITT FINDS "HEARTS AND MINDS" SOBER-MINDED QUEST FOR REASONS WHY; BERKMAN AT SMU SHOWING NOTES UNCLASSIFIED

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AUDIENCE CONTEMPT AND ANGER AT OFFICIALS SHOWN IN FILM; QUOTES VIEWER THAT DOCUMENTARY "CLEVER...BUT MANIPULATED." CHITRIB SAYS VC UPSTAGED OSCAR WINNERS AT ACADEMY AWARDS SHOW BY SENDING CONGRATULATORY CABLE TO MAKERS OF "HEARTS AND MINDS" THAT SPARKS SPATS.

PRG'S MME BINH AT DAR ES SALAAM SAYS NLF HOPES COMPLETE SVN TAKEOVER BY POLITICAL RATHER THAN MIL MEANS (OTTAWAY, WP). PRG PREMIER IN PHUOCBINH SAID SEVERAL THOUSAND ARVN SURRENDERED AT NHA TRANG; VC TROOPS REPORTED CAPTURED DANANG HARBOR INTACT (WP). PILOT WHO BOMBED PRESIDENTIAL PALACE LANDED AT VC-HELD AIRFIELD, JOINED ENEMY WHO PROMOTED, DECORATED HIM, ACCORDING VC DEL TO JMC (AP WP, NYT). US ANTIWAR GROUP IN PARIS TOLD BY VC REP THAT COMMUNISTS FOLLOWING POLICY OF "GENERAL AMNESTY" IN OCCUPIED AREAS (NYT).

NVN MOVES SMALL NUMBER MISSILE-FIRING BOATS TO BASE NEAR SVN (AP, WP). SAIGON TROOPS WATCH, WAIT IN DELTA AS WAR HEATS UP THERE (GREENWAY, WP). MAIN THRUST AGAINST SAIGON EXPECTED FROM NORTH DESPITE PRESENT ATTACKS EAST AND SW OF CAPITAL (MIDDLETON, NYT - IN USIA WIRELESS FILE). COMMUNISTS TIGHTEN GRIP ON SAIGON APPROACHES WITH ATTACKS TO NE AND ROAD CUT TO SW (BROWNE, NYT). NVA PROBES SAIGON'S OUTERMOST DEFENSE LINES, MAINTAINS HEAVY PACE OF ATTACKS, INCLUDING IN DELTA (WP). COMMUNIST FORCES REPULSED AT TAN AN AND XUAN LOCK AS FIGHTING EDGES CLOSER SAIGON (PHINQ). XUAN LOC HIT AGAIN AFTER RECAPTURE BY ARVN (AP, SUN), WITH HUMAN WAVE ATTACKS (UPI, NYDN).

SUN'S ISAACS IN SAIGON NOTES COMMUNISTS' AIMS UNCLEAR  
DESPITE UPSURGE IN ATTACKS (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).  
SUN'S SEIDEN NOTICES FERMENT BREWING UNITY AMONG THIEU  
FOE AS THEY MEET, PLAN WITH SENSE OF URGENCY (IN USIA  
WIRELESS FILE).

NYT'S BUTTERFIELD TELLS OF COMMUNIST CUT IN ROAD FROM  
SAIGON TO DELTA THAT BACKS TRAFFIC UP FOR MILES. UPI  
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SAIGON DESCRIBES LINE OUTSIDE US EMBASSY WHERE MANY  
TRY PREPARE LEAVE SVN IN HURRY IF NECESSARY (NYDN).  
NYT NOTES PROBLEMS CAUSED US BUSINESS FIRMS BY EXODUS  
OF US BANKERS FROM SAIGON. WP'S BECKER TELLS OF MANY  
AMERICANS WHO ASK TO FIGHT FOR SVN OR CAMBODIA, GET  
IN TOUCH WITH THOSE COUNTRIES' EMBASSIES HERE.

PP HIT BY ARTILLERY, ROCKETS AS INSURGENTS STEP UP  
ATTACKS, BATTLE TO WITHIN 2-1/2 MILES OF CITY.  
US AIRLIFT CONTINUES DESPITE SHELLING. FANK REPORTED  
HOLDING OWN AT KOMPONG SPEU. LONG BORET MET WITH GOVT  
LEADERS BUT NO EVIDENCE GKR HAD ANY SUCCESS DRAWING  
REBELS TO NEGOTIATION TABLE (UPI, NYDN). COMMUNICATIONS  
WITH OUTSIDE WORLD THREATENED AS REBELS GET CLOSE TO  
GKR TRANSMITTING STATION ABOUT 3-1/2 MILES WEST OF PP  
AIRPORT. INSURGENTS CUT ROAD AND RAILWAY BETWEEN  
BATTAMBANG AND THAI BORDER (PHINQ). INSURGENTS MOVE  
TO WITHIN MORTAR RANGE OF POCHENTONG, DRIVE FORWARD  
HALF-MILE AGAINST PP'S NORTHERN DEFENSE LINE.

MOUNTING RESENTMENT AGAINST US REPORTED AMONG KHMER  
POLITICAL ELITE BECAUSE OF GROWING FEELING CONGRESS  
WOULD TURN DOWN MORE MIL AID. IN SHIFT AWAY FROM  
BRUTAL TACTICS, INSURGENTS TALK WITH TOWNSPEOPLE AND  
SOLDIERS, TELL THEM WILL NOT BE HARMED IF THEY SURRENDER  
(AP, SUN). NYT'S LELYVELD AT PP NOTES CONTINUED EROSION  
OF GKR MIL POSITION AND JEOPARDY OF AIRPORT AS REBELS  
ADVANCE.

WP'S SIMONS SAYS INNER GKR CIRCLES AGONIZE OVER MEANS  
OF SAVING PP AS INSURGENTS INCH CLOSER; NO LONGER HAVE  
FAITH IN FUTURE US ASSISTANCE AND ARE REALIZING THAT  
CHOICES "FEW AND UNPLEASANT." NOTES SOME INDICATION  
THAT ALL NOT SMOOTH ON COMMUNIST SIDE BECAUSE OF VARIOUS  
IDEOLOGICAL SPLITS. DISCUSSES POSSIBILITY DEMOCRATIC  
PARTY TAKING GKR REINS. LAT'S LESLIE IN PP (4/9) NOTES  
SAUKAM KHOY STATEMENT THAT PP CALM, WHILE US EMBASSY  
EVACUATES PERSONNEL; WONDERS WHO CLOSER TO REALITY.  
TELLS OF ATTITUDES AMONG CITY'S POPULATION WHERE CHINESE  
UNEASY, POOR SEE END OF WAR AS MIXED BLESSING, THOSE  
ASSOCIATED WITH US THINKING OF LEAVING COUNTRY. RECOUNTS

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CONTINUING FAITH OF SOME IN AMERICANS.

## 2. CHINA

AP (TAIPEI) REPORTS CCK'S BODY LAY IN STATE WEDNESDAY, WHILE MANY PAYING RESPECTS WORRIED ABOUT US COMMITMENT TO ROC IN POST-CHIANG ERA. SAYS THERE WAS VAGUE UNEASINESS OVER FORD'S SENDING BUTZ TO FUNERAL, RATHER THAN SOMEONE OF HIGHER RANK; OTHERS WORRIED THAT PRES DID NOT SPELL OUT TAIWAN COMMITMENT IN CONDOLENCE MESSAGE. BUT MOST OFFICIALS TOOK CONFIDENT STAND, INSISTING PUBLICLY AT LEAST THAT TIES WITH US STRONG AS EVER (SUN). WP, NYT CARRY AP, UPI PHOTOS OF CCK COFFIN, FAMILY.

ACCORDING BANK OF AMERICA'S ASIA OFFICE PUBLICATION ("CHINA SPOTLIGHT"), PRC MAY ACCEPT PRINCIPLE OF SHORT-TERM CREDIT IN COMING YEAR, DUE TO FOREIGN EXCHANGE SHORTAGE (REUTER, NYT).

FEDERAL DISTILLERS VP REPORTS FIRM HAS FOUND SMALL BUT SELECT MARKET FOR MOU-TAI CHIEW -- HAS SOLD 25-50 CASES IN NY SOME MONTHS; PERSONALLY, FINDS TASTE "HORRIBLE, TERRIBLE" (GLOBE'S SALES, APR 9).

## 3. JAPAN

JOC'S CULLISON IN TOKYO NOTES STEEL FIRMS OFFER 14.9 PERCENT WAGE INCREASE; UNIONS DEMAND 28 PERCENT. LABOR EXPERTS SAY STEEL SETTLEMENT WILL SET PACE FOR NATIONWIDE WAGE HIKES.

CULLISON ALSO NOTES MITI REPORT JFY 74 IMPORTS ROSE 25.5 PERCENT, TO 65.3 BILLION DOLS; PERCENTAGE GAINS LED BY COAL, SUGAR, WHEAT, OIL.

PHINQ'S BOASBERG IN FOURTH OF SERIES SAYS VISITORS GET IMPRESSION JAPANESE DISENCHANTED WITH POLITICS, UNEASY ABOUT ECONOMY, NERVOUS ABOUT JAPAN'S INTL POSITION, AND FRUSTRATED, CONFUSED OVER VULNERABILITY TO EVENTS BEYOND CONTROL.

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## 4. KOREA

NYT (SEOUL) SAYS 8 MEN CONVICTED BY MILITARY COURT OF PRP MEMBERSHIP HANGED WEDNESDAY BARELY 24 HOURS AFTER SUPREME COURT UPHELD DEATH SENTENCE (ALSO AP,

PHINQ, GLOBE).

UNC WEDNESDAY SAYS SEVEN SK SOLDIERS ASPHYXIATED WORKING  
IN NK TUNNEL UNDER DMZ. WERE SENT TO BLOW UP WALL

BUILT BY NK AFTER SK DUG INTERCEPTING SHAFT; INVESTIGATION  
UNDER WAY (AP, PHINQ; NYT; GLOBE).

ESTIMATED 3,000 STUDENTS FROM FIVE COLLEGES CLASH  
WITH POLICE WEDNESDAY IN DEMONSTRATION DEMANDING  
RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY (PHINQ, NYT, GLOBE).

WP RUNS PHOTO OF PARK, CAPTIONED "PROTESTS CONTINUE."

#### 5. PHILIPPINES

CEAUSESCU ARRIVES MANILA WEDNESDAY FOR 4-DAY STATE  
VISIT; FIRST COMMUNIST CHIEF OF STATE TO VISIT  
PHILIPPINES (AFP, WP).

JOC'S FULLER IN MANILA SAYS ADB ALLOCATES 51.3 MILLION  
DOLS TO HELP GOP EXPAND MANILA AREA WATER SUPPLY;  
BIGGEST FOREX LOAN EVER BY ADB.

#### 6. BURMA

WP DISPATCH SAYS FOUR SPECIAL COURTS SENTENCE 52 PERSONS,  
INCLUDING 9 MONKS, TO 3 TO 10 YEARS FOR STEALING U THANT  
BODY IN RANGOON LAST DECEMBER.

#### 7. AUSTRALIA

JOC (LONDON) CITES COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT REPORT  
THAT AUSSIE CATTLE SLAUGHTER DOWN FOR SEASON TO 3.6  
MILLION HEAD, SHEEP UP SUBSTANTIALLY TO 6.7 MILLION.  
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#### 8. GENERAL

WSJ (NY) NOTES ADB SUCCESSFUL IN OFFERING 75 MILLION  
DOL WORTH NEW AAA 8.5 PERCENT FIVE YEAR NOTES TO US  
INVESTORS; TO BE LISTED EVENTUALLY ON NYSE.

COMMENT/ANALYSIS

#### 9. INDOCHINA

CLAYTON FRITCHEY CONCLUDES TWO-PART "PEACE WITH HONOR"  
SERIES IN WP (4/9) WITH EXAMINATION OF "FACT VS FANCY"  
IN VN-CAMBODIAN WAR (4/9 - USIA WIRELESS FILE).

HEARST'S KINGSBURY SMITH IN ROME (BOST H-A 4/5) FINDS

US PRESTIGE PLUNGING TO NEW LOW BECAUSE OF WHAT REGARDED  
GENERALLY AS ABANDONMENT OF SVN, FAILURE ME PEACE EFFORTS;  
SAYS LEADING FRENCH NEWS MAG LE POINT HAS COVER STORY

ON "AMERICAN DECLINE", AND L'EXPRESS ON "THE AMERICAN  
RETREAT."

LAT'S TOUGHLY IN SAIGON (4/9) REVIEWS DEEP PESSIMISM OF  
ANALYSTS' ASSESSMENT OF GVN MILITARY POSITION, UNDER-  
SCORED BY VNAF PILOT ATTACK ON PALACE.

LAT (4/9) STATES IT "APPROPRIATE" THAT VN STILL CENTRAL  
QUESTION AS PRES PREPARES FOREIGN POLICY MESSAGE FOR  
CONGRESS; SYMBOLIZES END AND BEGINNING -- END TO POLICY  
OF INDISCRIMINATE RESPONSE TO COMMUNIST THREATS, AND  
BEGINNING OF NEW PERIOD OF APPLYING AMERICAN POWER MORE  
CAUTIOUSLY.

LAT'S DONOVAN (4/9) CITES CLIFFORD STATEMENT THAT FORD  
HAS "ESSENTIALLY SAME ATTITUDE" TOWARD SEA AS NIXON  
AND PROBABLY WOULD HAVE RESUMED BOMBING IF  
CONGRESS HAD NOT ACTED IN 1973 TO FORESTALL SUCH  
PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVE. CLIFFORD ADDED OUR FIRST  
OBLIGATION RESTS ON HUMAN COMMITMENT TO VIET PEOPLE.

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JIM BISHOP (BALTO N-A 4/8) REVIEWS VN FACTS, FROM 1858  
TO POST-WAR RE-ENTRY AND DEFEAT OF FRENCH, AND US  
INVOLVEMENT CULMINATING IN NIXON'S "PEACE WITH HONOR"  
WHICH TRANSLATES INTO "DEFEAT AND DEPARTURE."

CSM'S GODSELL(4/9) ASKS HOW CLOSE ARE COMMUNISTS TO  
VICTORY? ANSWERS, IN CAMBODIA "VERY NEAR," IN SVN  
"NOT YET" BUT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER COMMUNISTS'  
NEXT MOVE AGAINST SAIGON WILL BE MILITARY OR POLITICAL.

NYT CALLS ON PRES TO RESTORE NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE IN  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS. WOUNDS OF INDOCHINA WILL NOT HEAL  
EASILY BUT ADMIN SHOULD "STOP MAKING PEOPLE BELIEVE  
THINGS ARE WORSE THAN THEY ARE" (SEE USIA WIRELESS FILE).

BRADSHAW IN WSTAR (4/9) CONTRASTS VC LIBERATION RADIO  
REPORTS ON REACTIONS OF POPULACE IN CONQUERED AREAS  
WITH US OFFICIAL REPORTS. BELIEVES VC ACCOUNTS HIGHLY  
PROPAGANDISTIC WITH US REPORT ON PHUOC LONG MORE  
CREDIBLE (SEE USIA WIRELESS FILE).

HEMPSTONE IN WSTAR (4/9) DISCUSSES FALL OF INDOCHINA  
TO COMMUNISTS. NOTES TERRIFIED FACES OF REFUGEES  
INDICATE THEY KNOW WHAT HAPPENS WHEN REDS TAKE OVER.  
COMMUNISTS WON BECAUSE THEY HAD MORE PATIENCE AND

COMMITMENT (SEE USIA WIRELESS FILE).

ANGLE AND TAYLOR IN WSTAR (4/9) NOTE FEW SIGNS THAT CONGRESS WILL APPROVE ANYTHING BUT HUMANITARIAN AID TO VN. DISCUSS CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY BY PARKER ON REFUGEES AND CHILDREN NOTING CONGRESSIONAL UNHAPPINESS WITH FAILURE TO BE CONSULTED BY ADMIN.

MIAMI HERALD EDIT APPEARING IN PHINQ NOTES THAT AMB DEAN SAID LON NOL DEPARTURE WILL HAVE NO ADVERSE EFFECT WHICH ILLUSTRATES WASH MYTHOLOGY CREATED BY SUCCESSIVE ADMINISTRATIONS. RECAPS VIEWS OF ITS EDITOR FIVE YEARS AGO THAT WAR SEASIA WILL BE LOST NO MATTER WHAT WE DO.

PHINQ SAYS THERE IS NO REASON THAT SAIGON CAN PUT IT BACK TOGETHER WITH AN ADDED 200 MILLION DOLS AS WEYAND UNCLASSIFIED

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MAY RECOMMEND AND CONGRESS IS UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO THROW GOOD MONEY AFTER BAD.

YATES IN CHITRIB SAYS DINH THACH BICH AND OTHER LEADERS OF ANTI GVN COMMITTEE OF ACTION FOR NATIONAL SALVATION ARE IN HIDING BUT PREPARED TO OFFER AN ALTERNATE GOVERNMENT. KY ONLY MAJOR COMMITTEE MEMBER NOT IN HIDING OR UNDER ARREST. PROGRAM INCLUDES EFFORT TO CREATE FAVORABLE CLIMATE FOR NEGOTIATIONS BY ELIMINATING GVN'S ANTI-COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA MACHINE.

NEWSOM OF UPI IN BALT NA NOTES GERMAN AND BRITISH PAPERS EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER CONTINUED ABILITY OF US TO LIVE UP TO ITS COMMITMENTS; JAPANESE, KOREANS AND INDONESIANS SIMILARLY CONCERNED. MUCH OF THIS APPREHENSION STEMS FROM HAK AND PRES' EFFORT TO IMPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE CONGRESS.

KAY GARDELLA IN NYDN SAYS NATIONAL ACADEMY NOTES POLITICAL PROPAGANDA VICTORY SCORED BY PRODUCER OF "HEARTS AND MINDS." NOTES VC MESSAGE READ BY BERT SCHNEIDER AT ACADEMY AWARDS CEREMONY.

ON "SECRET AGREEMENTS" WP SAYS BASIC PROBLEM WITH OUR VN POLICY FROM VERY BEGINNING WAS THAT FIVE ADMINS ACTED ON OWN ASSUMPTIONS, SAW NO NEED CONFIDE THEM TO CONGRESS OR PUBLIC UNTIL AFTER THE FACT (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

SUN SEES PRES, IN THURS ADDRESS TO CONGRESS, OBLIGED TO STATE WHETHER GVN MEETS "ABSOLUTE MINIMUM TEST" FOR CONTINUED US HELP: SOME PROSPECT OF SURVIVAL (SEE USIA WIRELESS FILE).

NYDN'S GREENE PREDICTS PRES, THURS, WILL PLEAD FOR BI-PARTISANSHIP, NO RECRIMINATIONS ON INDOCHINA. REASON FOR "SUBTLY SHIFTING AWAY FROM HIS RECENT STANCE" DUE PARTLY TO REALIZATION NO QUICKIE APPROPRIATION COULD HAVE STAVED OFF PANIC FLIGHT OF TROOPS FROM NORTHERN PROVINCES; ALSO PARTLY TO DEGREE OF EMBARRASSMENT OVER JACKSON "REVELATIONS."

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LEWIS (NYT) REGRETS FORD, WHILE ESCHEWING BLAMING CONGRESS FOR INDOCHINA DEBACLE, "HAS SLYLY" INVITED PUBLIC TO DO SO; ON OTHER HAND, THIS ADMIN SHOWS ONE IMPROVEMENT -- WERE NIXON PRES, "THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN SOME AGGRESSIVE AMERICAN MILITARY ACTION BY NOW, WHATEVER THE LAW SAYS."

SCHANBERG (NYT), IN PP, FINDS AMEMBASSY NOW POISED TO EVACUATE. WHAT HAS EMERGED FROM DEAN STEWARDSHIP IS PICTURE OF EMBASSY OFTEN FORCED TO BE MORE OF MIL MISSION THAN DIPLOMATIC ONE, TRAPPED IN CONFINES OF POLICY ITS LEADERSHIP REGARDS AS HAVING ALREADY FAILED; MOST OF TIME, EMBASSY OFFICIALS SEEM PUTTING SOME DISTANCE BETWEEN THEMSELVES, WASHINGTON (SEE USIA WIRELESS FILE).

KRAFT (WP, SUN) CONCLUDES FROM TALKS WITH EUROPEAN, ME LEADERS, THAT "DOMINO THEORY" EFFECT OF SEA "ROUT" LIES PRETTY MUCH IN EYE OF BEHOLDER; OTHER COUNTRIES CONTINUE TAKE US SERIOUSLY (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

CSM'S SOUTHERLAND, IN CAN THO, SAYS PANIC HAS NOT YET SURFACED THERE IN MAJOR WAY. TAKING SOME SVAF FIGHTER-BOMBERS OUT OF MOTHBALLS HAS APPARENTLY LIFTED MORALE (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

MACLEISH (WP) SEES OUTPOURING OF US COMPASSION FOR VN ORPHANS BRINGING IRONIES OF LONG INDOCHINA MISADVENTURE FULL CIRCLE; IT WAS TRADITION OF OPPOSITION TO OPPRESSION, SYMPATHY FOR VICTIMS, THAT MOTIVATED US TO ENTER VN IN FIRST PLACE (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

JAMES THOMSON RECOMMENDS THAT WAY TO EXTRICATE OURSELVES FROM INDOCHINA POLICY FAILURE IS SIMPLY TO SAY WE DID OUR BEST, BUT EVENTS WENT OTHERWISE, VIETS CHOSE OTHERWISE, AND WE NOW WILL TRY UTMOST TO RELIEVE SUFFERING (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

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WSJ'S PEARLSTINE (4/9) AT DMZ REVIEWS VN IMPACT ON

KOREA. BELIEVES LIKELY HELP PARK BUILD NATL CONSENSUS FOR POLICIES IN SHORT RUN SINCE ANTI-COMMUNISM ALMOST A RELIGION IN SK, AND MOST SKOREANS HAVE "PERPEPTUAL FEAR" OF NK ATTACK. BUT DISSIDENTS ARGUE DEMOCRACY AND SECURITY NOT MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE, CHARGE ROKG RIFE WITH KIND CORRUPTION THAT HOBbled SVN WAR EFFORT. NOTES SOME AMERICANS SUGGEST TIME FOR US WITHDRAW FORCES FROM SK, REST OF ASIA, BUT OBSERVES DEEP TUNNEL UNDER DMZ RAISES DISTURBING QUESTIONS ABOUT THEIR ASSUMPTIONS -- IT SERIOUS TRUCE VIOLATION THAT INHIBITS FAVORABLE REACTION TO OTHER PEACE OVERTURES. AND LIKE IT OR NOT, STATES US IS PACIFIC POWER WITH IMPORTANT INTERESTS IN SK.

11. CHINA

HEARST'S BALT N-A (APR. 9) CONTENTS IT STANDS WITHOUT DEBATE THAT CCK WELDED MELANGE OF WARLORD-RULED TERRITORIES INTO SINGLE NATION, AND IN THAT SENSE HE MUST STAND ALONGSIDE SUN YAT-SEN IN VALHALLA OF GREAT MEN.

TO CHITRIB, MUCH SENSE IN REPORTS PEKING IS CONCERNED ABOUT PORTUGAL GOING COMMUNIST, AND HAS REJECTED LISBON'S "GIFT" OF MACAO. SPECULATES PRC WISHES KEEP MACAO AS TRADING CENTER, OUTLET FOR TEXTILES, SOURCE OF PROFITABLE INVESTMENTS; SO, CHINESE WOULD HATE SEEING SOVIET INFLUENCE EMERGING THERE. TRIB RECOMMENDS US DIPLOMATS ABANDON DOMINOES, START LEARNING CHINESE CHECKERS.

LAT'S ELEGANT, IN HK, FINDS SIGNIFICANT "CALCULATED CONCILIATORY TONE" OF PRC'S REACTION TO CANCELLATION OF ARTS TROUPE'S US TOUR, AND PEKING'S INTENTIONALLY REFRAINING FROM MAKING MAJOR ISSUE OF INCIDENT. CONSIDERING PEKING'S NORMAL SENSITIVITY, PARTICULARLY REGARDING TAIWAN, SPECIALISTS CONSIDER EVENT STRONG EVIDENCE OF PEKING'S DESIRE REMAIN ON BEST POSSIBLE TERMS WITH US. CHINESE WENT OUT OF THEIR WAY TO PLAY UNCLASSIFIED

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DOWN INCIDENT, NEITHER DENOUNCED "AMERICAN IMPERIALISM" NOR RAISED ISSUE OF ARTISTIC FREEDOM, AS ON OTHER OCCASIONS (APR. 9).

12. THAILAND

ANDREW MALCOLM IN NYT QUOTES DIPLOMATS TO EFFECT THAT INDOCHINA DEVELOPMENTS CAN ONLY SPEED UP SHIFTS IN

THAI FOPOL. NOTES THAI SOUNDINGS OF PRC, NORTH KOREA,  
AND RELATIONS ESTABLISHED WITH EASTERN EUROPEANS

(SEE USIA WIRELESS FILE).

13. GENERAL

NYT'S GELB QUOTES ACDA'S IKLE TELLING NUCLEAR  
PROLIFERATION CONFERENCE WEDNESDAY TRANSFER PEACEFUL  
NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY "PROVIDES NOT ONLY THE MEANS, BUT  
ALSO THE COVER" FOR SPREAD OF NUKES, AND "WE SUSPECT  
THAT THE INTENT" BUILD NUKES EXISTS IN SEVERAL PLACES.  
GELB SAYS "AUTHORITATIVELY LEARNED" PLACES INCLUDE  
ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, ISRAEL, LIBYA, TAIWAN, SK, PAKISTAN.

SENATOR KENNEDY, AT SAME CONFERENCE, CRITICIZES ADMIN  
PROLIFERATION POLICY FOR ITS PREOCCUPATION WITH US-  
SOVIET RELATIONS; CHARGED NEITHER LIVES UP TO OBLIGATION  
EMBODIED IN NPT TO REDUCE NUCLEAR ARSENALS, STOP  
TESTING WEAPONS. GELB ADDS SENATOR KENNEDY, IKLE AGREE  
THAT IMPORTANT FOR US REAFFIRM SUPPORT OF IMPORTANT  
ALLIES LIKE JAPAN, WEUR, THEREBY REDUCING THEIR INCLINATION  
FOR NUKES. KISSINGER

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